

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the last paragraph on the bottom of page 13 starting at line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

The preparation of a foamed thermoplastic elastomer composition as described above comprises a second aspect of the present invention. In order to produce the “cork”, the composition is injected into a mold, e.g. as described in US patents Nos. 3,984, 022 and/or 4,499,141. Alternatively, the present composition allows corks to be made via extrusion, which is much preferred over injection ~~moulding~~ molding since producing uniform corks in a continuous fashion is at a higher rate. A third aspect of the present invention concerns foamed articles (including, but not limited to corks) obtained by this preparation.